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Attn: 3-2/Director

FROM:

J/Associate Administrator for Management Systems

SUBJECT:

Environmental Management System (EMS) Implementation

I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate you and the entire Glenn Research Center (GRC) in successfully implementing the NASA EMS (draft NPG 8553) and passing the ISO 14001 audit. Development and implementation of an EMS that satisfies both the requirements of Executive Order 11348, *Greening the Government Through Leadership in Environmental Management*, and ISO 14001 required both the commitment and significant efforts of your senior management, the Environmental Management Office, the EMS Operations Team, and all of the employees of GRC. We believe that these efforts will effect long-term benefits to your Center and to GRC's environmental stewardship activities.

I wish to also take this opportunity to express both my appreciation and that of NASA's environmental community in serving as a test site for implementation of the EMS. The role of serving as a test site required a level of effort and commitment to the Agency that went well beyond the already significant commitment of serving the environmental needs of GRC. We are confident that the lessons learned, cost and benefits analysis, and other information obtained from this effort will be very valuable in successfully implementing the EMS at the other NASA Centers.

Again, congratulations in the success of passing your ISO 14001 audit.

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